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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. These references were cited in an Office Action issued on April 8, 2008, in connection with Japanese application no. JP2003-101189. Copies of the foreign references and machine translations are attached as is a copy of the Japanese office action.

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